

State Highways as National Highways in Karnataka

4537. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has requested the Central Government to declare 17 State Highways as National Highways;

(b) if so, the State Highways proposed by the State Government to be declared as National Highways; and

(c) the action, if any, taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B. C. KHANDURI]: (a) and (b) No proposal for declaring 17 State Highways as National Highways has been received from Govt. of Karnataka. However taking into account the proposals received from the Government of Karnataka, a length of 176 km. of new National Highways has been declared vide notification dated 12.10.2000. After 12.10.2000, a proposal has been received from the Chief Minister of Karnataka for declaration of 10 Km. stretch of road from Srirangapatnam as a new National Highway.

(c) Expansion of National Highway network in the country including Karnataka is a continuous process and is taken up from time to time keeping in view the traffic needs, *inter-se* priority of proposals and availability of funds.

Funds for Construction of Outer Ring Road in Hyderabad

4538. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has requested the Central Government for providing necessary funds for making an Outer Ring Road to Hyderabad as a Bypass Expressway to facilitate the truck traffic;

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(b) if so, the details of the funds sanctioned by Government for the Outer Ring Road; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor, and by when necessary funds are expected to be provided as a Special Eligibility Project to the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B. C. KHANDURI]: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The State Government needs to send an integrated proposal for the development of National Highways in and around Hyderabad City. No. detailed proposal in this regard has been received from the State Government.

Industries in rural sector

†4539. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that a large number of rural folks are migrating to the cities to find-out jobs there;

(b) if so, whether Government are going to take any effective step to encourage industries in the rural areas;

(c) the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (d) As a part of Government's effort to generate employment in rural areas and arrest migration of rural people to urban areas in search of employment, the khadi and village industries programme is being implemented. The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) provides financial assistance for setting up of khadi and village industries units

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